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SUBJ: BHUTTO'S TEHRAN PRESS CONFERENCE:

NUCLEAR ISSUES

1. SINCE IRANIAN AND INTERNATIONAL PRESS MAY NOT HAVE PICKED UP DETAILS OF PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO'S JULY 8 TEHRAN PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS ON NUCLEAR ISSUES, WE ARE QUOTING BELOW PAKISTAN TIMES REPORT OF THEM AS FILED BY PAPER'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT H. K. BURKI:

2. "REPLYING TO A QUESTION ON THE SUPPLY OF NUCLEAR FUEL TO INDIA BY THE UNITED STATES, MR. BHUTTO SAID PAKISTAN HAD RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. IN A WIDE VARIETY OF FIELDS. BUT THERE WAS NO NUCLEAR COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE TWO EXCEPT FOR THE SUPPLY OF A SMALL REACTOR BY WASHINGTON. PAKISTAN HAD BEEN WARNING THE U.S. THAT INDIA WOULD EXPLODE A NUCLEAR DEVICE. THIS HAD BEEN PROVED BY EVENTS WHEN INDIA EXPLODED THE DEVICE KNOWN AS THE "OPERATION SMILING BUDDHA."

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3. "SUPPLY OF NUCLEAR FUEL TO INDIA WAS NO SOURCE OF COMFORT TO PAKISTAN. IT WILL HAVE REPERCUSSIONS AND PAKISTAN COULD NOT BE OBLIVIOUS OF IT. BUT THIS DID NOT AFFECT HER RELATIONS WITH THE U.S.

4. "MR. BHUTTO, HOWEVER, ADDED THAT IT WAS FOR THE UNITED STATES TO DECIDE ITS POLICIES ACCORDING TO ITS OWN REQUIREMENTS. HE HOPED THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOT OBJECT TO THE NUCLEAR REPROCESSING PLANT GIVEN TO PAKISTAN BY FRANCE. 'WE EXPECT THAT MUCH CONSIDERATION FROM THE UNITED STATES.'

5. "AN IRANIAN REPORTER ASKED IF PAKISTAN WOULD ALSO HAVE ITS 'OPERATION SMILING BUDDHA.'" MR. BHUTTO REPLIED WITH A SMILE: 'WE HAVE OUR GANDHARA ART. IN LAHORE WE HAVE A MASTERPIECE--THE STARVING BUDDHA. THEY (INDIANS) HAVE THEIR SMILING BUDDHA BUT WE HAVE OUR STARVING BUDDHA.'" BYROADE

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